



WHEELING WHEELMEN  
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# Monthly Meanders

Newsletter For The Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club, October 1990

## OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday, October 4, 7:30 pm. Wheeling High School Cafeteria. Our speaker, Sue Thompson, will give her talk shortly after the meeting starts. Her program will be followed by a brief business meeting and discussion centering on the Board's desire for member input regarding moving the Harmon Hundred starting point to Wauconda Orchards for 1991. It is an important meeting, so be there!

## PRES SEZ

-by Hans Predel

HOLY COW !!!! This year's Harmon Hundred turned out to be an overwhelming success in terms of a record number of riders. On a preliminary basis, we count in excess of 1,800 cyclists! Since we were targeting 1,200-1,300 based on the last two year's attendance, almost every one of the sag stops ran out of food and had to buy more locally. "We were overwhelmed" was my quote of the day. We served just over 1,000 spaghetti dinners despite some back-room problems. Many of the club members who worked that day were sorely stretched and deserve a whole bunch of credit for keeping it together in the face of such numbers! To those of you who worked either beforehand or on that Sunday, the club and I take our helmets off to you!!! Over the past several months, the Board has been evaluating several alternative sites for the Harmon. While our ride has functioned well out of the high school, we can make it better by moving it to another place. Issues of safety, urbanization of the route, problems with Long Grove (our principal way out to rural areas), etc. are the driving force. The Board is now looking for your input at the October meeting before making a final decision. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MOST IMPORTANT MEETING!! With respect to those members who helped out, I am puzzled by the members who never volunteered to help or actually rode the Harmon. Don't you believe in supporting your club's invitational ride? This represents our club's image and prestige. Those of you who go on

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## SAFETY CORNER

-By Jerry Rice

I joined the Wheeling Wheelmen three years ago seeking new places to ride, and new friends to ride with. I thought that I was a pretty good rider, and as I began to achieve my objectives, I found that I was learning a lot about cycling. The educational power of this bicycle club is quite impressive when you consider the sum total of the members' years of experience, the cycling talent and their comrederie. One of the clubs' general charters is public education in the manners of safe cycling. I can't tell you how many times this year I have chased down people (including club members) to remind them that running a red light is illegal and highly dangerous. It is hard not to be a little terse with someone who responds: "I've been doing his for twenty years" or "Oh well". But the responsibility lies with all of us to correct this kind of behavior. Several club members have mentioned to me that the patience of automobile drivers seems to be wearing thinner. I hope that continued education will help us avoid the kind of problems California had on their highways a couple of years back. A cyclist makes a real easy target for a wacko with an AK-47. Continued ignorance on the part of the cycling community also makes it harder to get important cycling legislation passed. Most politicians probably see us as a bunch of rank amateurs that ride down the left side of the road in the dark with no lights. At the last club meeting, Joe Tobias told us about an upcoming non-political forum where several top ll-

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other invitationals realize and appreciate the efforts of the sponsoring club and its members. Why don't you support your own club's ride?? The members can do the routes on a pre-ride basis. I know this is not as exciting as when you are out with all those people and get the thrill of being in the event itself. But, COME ON, your club needs you also!! We have a number of members (what I call our core group) who help out in various ways during the year. I haven't seen their ability to participate in cycling been impaired to any great degree. In my opinion, if you can't give a small part of yourself to help out, you shouldn't bother being a member. One final comment. I have noticed a tendency toward negative criticism focused on some Board members. These people are volunteers, have demanding positions and can only accept so much criticism before starting to take things personally. It makes them wonder why they ever signed on for the job. Some criticism is natural and warranted in the right fashion. Please try to channel your remarks in the form of positive suggestions and/or solutions to the issue you are raising. In business, you have only so much time and patience for people who just complain. You can respect people who tell you about a problem and offer constructive advice as to how to fix it. Maybe with this positive, supportive type of presentation, these remarks can be more readily accepted and used to make things better for all of us.

## Safety Corner from page 1...

Illinois policy makers will listen to our views on what state laws we would like to see in place. This sounds like a real good place to show these gentlemen what a large and concerned group we are. Please see the announcement in this newsletter or call me for more information.

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## READ THIS!!!

Are you concerned about your rights as a cyclist? The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation is sponsoring a non-political forum that all cyclists can attend at the Oak Park village hall on October 8th at 7:30pm. Officials confirmed to attend will be: Jerry Cosentino (State treasurer & candidate for Sec. of State), George Ryan (Lt. Governor), with a possibility of appearances by Neil Hartigan and Jim Edgar. This is our big chance to communicate to state government what we as cyclists want of state laws, and how we can better integrate cars and bikes on the streets and highways. The village hall is located at the corner of Lombard and Madison streets in Oak Pak.

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## REVISED DEKALB RIDE 9/2/90

- by Hans Predel

About 20-25 people turned out to see if Joe Tobias' promise of no hills was true. We went out and toured the corn fields and back country roads of the DeKalb/Rochelle area. Amazingly enough, we had about two or three flat tires and one derailleur pulley separated from the bike! The best moment on the ride was in Rochelle when the group was at Hardee's enjoying our lunch. The cyclist with the derailleur problem had managed to get a 12 mile lift from a driver to the restaurant. After some consultation (the rider's partner had already departed on the route), Joe went out to the curb and proceeded to flag down pickup trucks until he found somebody to give our cyclist a 17 mile ride into DeKalb to his car!! What a ride leader!!! Thanks, Joe. It was a great ride with no hills--I won't count the overpass for the toll road it was steep, but not long.

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## ALMOST EX-PRESIDENT OFFERS TO HANDLE MID-RANGE RIDE CALENDAR

A number of members have expressed concern about the lack of rides in the 25-50 mile area on our ride schedule this year. Both from the standpoint of not wanting to take a whole day for a ride and not being acclimated as well this year (cold, rainy weather), demand has been building for this kind of distance. With Carol and Woyteck's consent and help, Diane and I will be responsible for developing a 1991 ride calendar which will try to offer at least two or more rides in that range each month. My real aim is to offer at least one each weekend, but I don't want to promise too much. We want to put together some new rides and/or starting locations along with several rides that are in the club library already. We will also work with Carol and Woyteck to offer shorter (ie 40-50 mile) versions of some of the new routes they developed this year. A number of you consistently lead rides in this range (Howard Paul's McHenry Dam 41 miler, Rich Wemstrom's Kane County Ramble 45 miles, Gee Cunningham's Botanical Gardens 35 mile, etc.) and I expect/want that to continue. A ride calendar in this range will only be viable if YOU help me by volunteering to lead a ride. We can't/won't do it all! We will have a ride scheduling party in early 1991 to put together a framework for the year. If you are one of those people who found the schedule lacking in this area, get ready to ride and help in 1991!

## GEARING UP

-Compiled by Craig Jorgensen

I've decided to give this section a real title, instead of "Space to fill". As I mentioned last month, I want to make this our club bulletin board full of interesting (I hope) news. The rest is up to you, because without the members' input there won't be any news, and you will be forced to read my incessant rambling. Send all relevant matter to: Craig Jorgensen, 25625 Columbia Bay Drive, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, or call (708)356-0692. Please remember the deadline for submission is the 10th of the month. Also this month, I'd like to welcome aboard Bill Bergeron who will be applying his boundless talents to one of the most taxing, gruelling, awesome responsibilities in the preparation of this newsletter. In other words, he got stuck with the ride schedule and mileage log. Keep 'em rolling Bill!!!

☞ First up, a special note from Harmon Hundred chairman Al Dargiel: "I just wanted to extend my appreciation to all the chairpeople & the volunteers for their work on the Harmon Hundred to make it the success it was. THANKS!!!!".

☞ OOPS! With my first newsletter also came my first mistake. I erroneously reported last month that Lotti Dolce was soliciting photographs for the club Christmas party, when I in fact meant the Awards banquet. So send your photos to Lotti at: 1122 Dale Ave. Apt 2K, Arlington Heights, IL. 60016, or give them to her at the next meeting.

☞ Speaking of the awards banquet, we need your votes for the most improved rider (male and female categories), and for the members' favorite ride of the year. You can cast your votes with Carol or Woyteck by phone or in person at the next meeting.

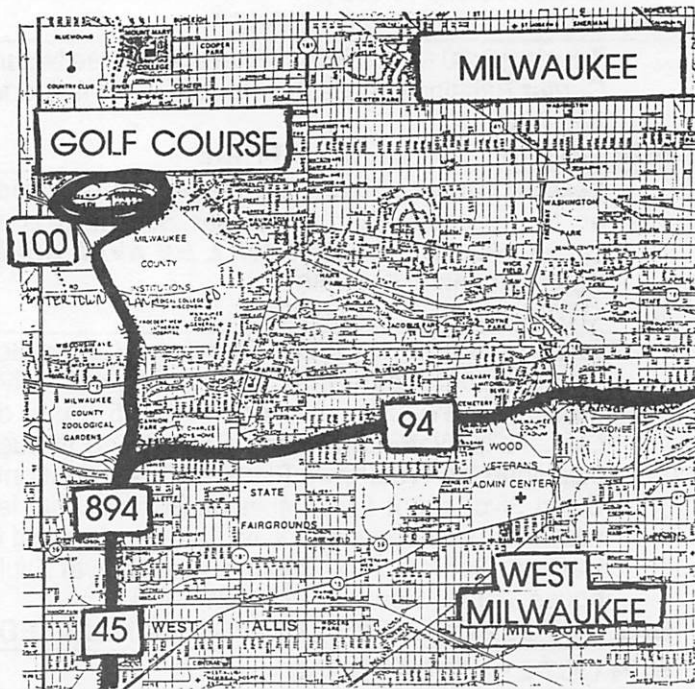
☞ Hans is still looking for someone to run the annual St. Patrick's day ride. This is an important event, as it marks the start of the cycling season for many of us. This event is pretty much pre-packaged and ready to go, and doesn't require a lot of planning effort. Call Hans at (707) 255-4029. Volunteers?

☞ Recently, club members voted on the issue of raising club dues. As of next year, the rates will be: \$12 for single members, and \$15 for family memberships. The dues have not been raised for several years, and the increase will help cover inflating postage and printing

costs! I heard a politician on the radio the other day, saying that if the U.S. had further explored alternate energy sources after the last "energy crisis", and hadn't become so dependant on foreign oil, we might not be so heavily involved in this sticky Middle East business. No kidding. Someday, a politician will figure out that the bicycle is a practical, efficient, energy saving form of transportation for short trips. It'll happen sometime in the not to distant future, about two days after the last drop of crude oil is sucked out of the ground.

## Holy Hill Ride Map

**Express. 9:00 am 66 Miles.** Start from Hansen Golf Course, 9800 Underwood Pkwy (414/453-4454) Milwaukee, WI. Take 894 or I-94 to 45 (Fond du Lac). Take Watertown Plank Rd. exit- go through stop lights on Watertown Plank Rd. Veer right onto Swan Blvd- about 1 to 2 miles on Swan to your left you will see Underwood Pkwy. Take Underwood to Hansen Golf Course. Parking available at Clubhouse. Jennie Howard (414) 321-6148



**Banquet RSVP Form And The  
Ever-Important Board Elections  
Ballot Enclosed. Be sure to fill  
yours out today!!!**

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## Ride Codes

**LEISURE:** 8-10 miles per hour. Group stays together. Leader stops frequently to regroup. Cue sheets provided. Recommended for beginners.

**TOURING:** 10-15 miles per hour. Group stays together. Leader stops periodically to regroup. Cue sheets provided.

**EXPRESS:** 15+ miles per hour. Ride at your own quick pace. Group is not obligated to stay together or stop to regroup. Cue sheets provided.

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## October Ride Schedule

### SAT OCT 6 :RACINE COUNTY

**Touring 9:00 AM 50 Miles.** Start at Eagle Lake Park in Wisconsin on Church Road west of WI 75. Pyhliis Harmon 537-1268

### SAT OCT 6 :LASALLE CENTURY -

**Express 6:30 am 100 Miles.** Start at Wing Park in Elgin. Jim Grant 695-3734

### SUN OCT 7: DAY WOODSTOCK

**Express 8:00 am 73 Miles.** Start at Kildeer School in Long Grove. Bring or buy lunch at Mcdonald's. Linda Heeter 945-0974.

### SAT OCT 13: "LEAF ME ALONE" -

**Touring 8:30 am 26 Miles.** Start at Crabtree Nature Center, Palatine Rd., east of Route 62. Hans Predel 255-4029

### SUN OCT 14 : APPLE CIDER RIDE

**Leisure Time- call leader. Mileage 35-40,** depends on the weather. Start at Kildeer School in Long Grove. **NO CUE SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE.** Kurt Schoenhoff 540-0861

### SUN OCT 14: HOLY HILL RIDE

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### SAT OCT 20 - LIBERTYVILLE RIDE CANCELLED.

### SUN OCT 21: CEDARBURG -

**Leisure 10:00 am 30 Miles** Starts from Cedar Creek Settlement, Highway 143 and Bridge Road in Cedarburg (main intersection). 15 Miles N. of Milwaukee, I-43 ,Exit Highway C, take W to Washington Ave. Bring Lunch (nothing on route) or eat in town afterwards. Very scenic. Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Dick Sorenson 593-7945

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### SAT OCT 27: KETTLE MORaine -

**Touring 10:00 am 30 & 60 Miles.** Start at LaGrange Wisconsin, Intersection of Route 12 and Highway H. Park at the General Store. This is a ride with two 30 mile loops, perfect for those with riding partners who favor shorter distances. We would also like to invite off-road riders to ride the north loop with us and take advantage of the off road Trails on the route. A new and interesting concept for all you Big Dogs, Little Dogs and Mud Dawgs Carol Passowic 392-0530

### SUN OCT 28 : LAKEFRONT RIDE -

**Touring \*\*\* Originally scheduled for November 4. 10:00 am 25-35 Miles (Riders choice).** Starts at Foster Avenue Beach in Chicago, Foster Ave. east of Lake Shore Drive. Lunch at North Pier Mall on return route. Bring a bike lock. Howard Paul 824-2941 **OCTOBER 28 Sunday Halloween Ride - Touring 10:00 am 45 Miles.** Start at Kildeer School in Long Grove. Costumes Traditional Al Berman 541-9248

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## The Latest Top 10 Mileage List....

### TOP TEN MILEAGE - WOMEN

1. CAROL PASSOWIC	1,105
2. FRAN GREEN KILNER	989
2. LINDA HEETER	989
4. JENNIFER HOWARD	946
5. LOTTI DOLCE	925
6. CHRISTINE GIER	754
7. SHANNON SIMPSON	677
8. CINDY SCHNEIDER	647
9. PAT MARSHALL	634
10. GERI MCPHERON	621

### TOP TEN MILAGE - MEN

1. WOYTECK MORAJKO	1,975
2. BILL LORNEZEN	1,510
3. AARON TANZER	1,235
4. DENIS BRAUN	1,149
5. ED ADDISON	1,133
6. FRED SCHROEDER	1,131
7. BILL BERGERON	1,075
8. CRAIG JORGENSEN	1,062
9. AL BERMAN	1,039
10. HOWARD BRONSON	1,038

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**Hey Mileage Monsters- Be sure to attend the Annual Banquet for your Top Male and Top Female Rider Awards!**